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MEMORANDUM FOR ALEXIS JOHNSON

In reading Moscow's 1264 on Khrushchev's conversation with Ambassador Roberts, I note Khrushchev's statement that when the US had called out 150,000 reservists, the Soviet marshals had insisted on keeping the Soviet IL-28s in operation. Khrushchev had earlier referred to a decision to scrap the IL-28s and on sending some of them to Cuba.

This statement would appear to knock Soviet assertions that the IL-28s are Cuban rather than Soviet into a cocked hat. It may be useful for Ambassador Stevenson and Mr. McCloy to refer to these remarks by Khrushchev in the event that the Soviets in New York again allege that the IL-28s are really Cuban.


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